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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mendenhall Paula V

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

DURECT CORP [DRRX]

(Check all applicable)

10260 BUBB ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2012

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) Exec. VP of Operations/Admin.

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Ar 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Se Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.78	02/03/2012		A	32,815	05/03/2012(1)	02/03/2022	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.78	02/03/2012		A	25,905	02/03/2012(2)	02/03/2022	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.78	02/03/2012		A	72,185	05/03/2012(1)	02/03/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mendenhall Paula V 10260 BUBB ROAD CUPERTINO, CA 95014

Exec. VP of Operations/Admin.

Signatures

Paula V.

Mendenhall 02/07/2012

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) ISO/NQ Grants Dated February 3, 2012 combined will vest as follows: one-sixteenth (1/16) of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over four (4) years following the date of grant.
- (2) 100% of the total shares of this Grant Dated February 3, 2012 shall vest on the Grant Date.

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